

## **Special Olympics Illinois Young Athletes™ Program**

### **Special Olympics Illinois Will Provide:**

- A comprehensive training program by Special Olympics Illinois staff
- Policies and Procedures, registration information, and all necessary paperwork to serve as guidelines and resources to the Young Athletes™ program.
- Equipment kit and curriculum guide to be used to run the program.
- Evaluation recourses and outcomes of those evaluations for public use.
- Sample press releases for use to announce the program
- Award and Recognition items to be used for volunteers and participants
- Special Olympics Illinois Logo and Trademark to be used in accordance with general rules.

### **Site Expectations:**

- Provide a site contact for the Young Athletes™ program.
- Provide a safe, secure facility to conduct Young Athletes™ program.
- Complete and provide necessary paperwork to Special Olympics Illinois that includes registration forms, agency sign-up sheet, Class A and B Volunteer registration forms and keep them in a protected secure place permanently.
- Provide curriculum and opportunities that follow Special Olympics policy, procedure and guidelines.
- Communicate to the media and community that you are offering a Special Olympics Young Athletes™ program.
- Provide support to athletes transitioning into Traditional Special Olympics programs.
- Will host training sessions that will result in hosting or attending a culminating event.
- Will use sports kits, awards & recognition items based on established criteria.
- Will communicate on a regular basis (two times per month) with Manager of Young Athletes to update on progress of the program.
- Participate in research and evaluation survey being conducted that will provide information on the benefits of the Young Athletes program.
- Will provide information to Special Olympics Illinois and other agencies regarding involvement in the Young Athletes™ program.

For More Information on the Young Athletes Program contact the Young Athletes Manager at 630/942-5612 or [jmarcello@soill.org](mailto:jmarcello@soill.org)